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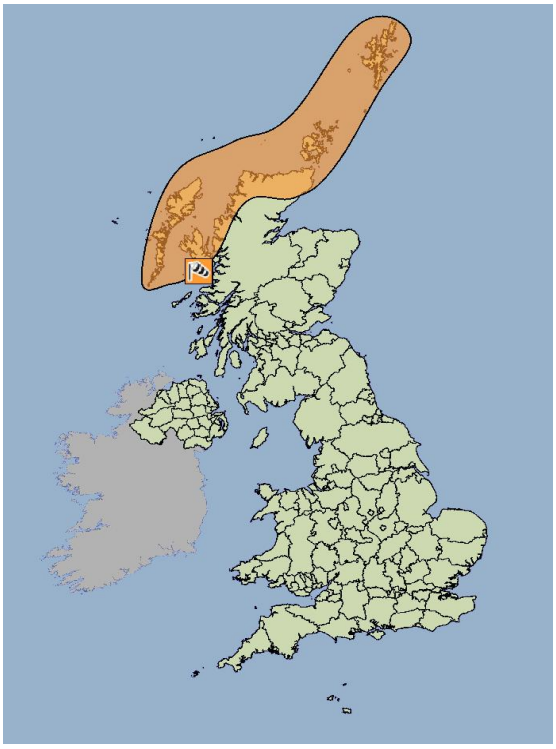

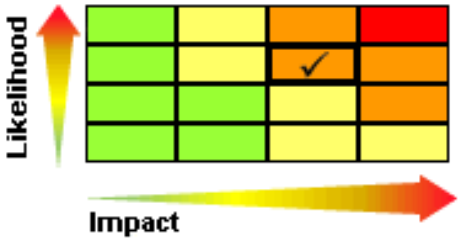

Chief Forecasters Assessment
Storm Barbara will move northeastwards across the Atlantic, passing to the northwest of Scotland during Friday. South to southwesterly winds will increase during the morning (please see separate yellow warning), but the strongest winds will develop in the afternoon as winds turn to a westerly direction.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **12:00 on Fri, 23rd Dec 2016** until **23:59 on Fri, 23rd Dec 2016**

A spell of very strong westerly winds is expected to develop on Friday. Gusts of 80 to 90 mph are possible in places. Winds will then ease on Saturday morning.

There is potential for some structural damage as well as disruption to power supplies and travel, with restrictions on bridges and disruption to ferries.

This is an update to the warning issued on Tuesday to restrict the most damaging winds to north of the Great Glen. The warning period is now restricted to Friday.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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